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Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

DARIEN CANAL.

The stranger Lelgera left our navy yard yesterday for Aspinwall, with Commander Selfridge on board to explore the proposed Darien ship canal explorations. It need not be understood that the government is interested in this project, but there is the least intention of engaging, at present, in any canal building schemes. The President and Cabinet feel that years' communication ... some time or other to make between the Atlantic and Pacific and their duty to see to its feasibility is paramount to the ...ests of the State Canal. They look at the history of the Navy men in this light, that we ...ached the utmost limit of utility in the ...y and discussion of the subject, and that the ...e is now a case for action in the field. The ...thing is to carefully examine the whole ...ound, so as to ascertain where the canal will be, ...w it is over, with. That is all the government ...s proposes to do, and when that has been ...e Congress must be called on to say whether ...y sanction shall be given to the scheme. It ...ot that the commission should not, as hereto...e, be restricted within narrow bounds. A com...ensive survey, including the ...ical character, affirmatively or negatively ...e department that it is not worth while to ...ther action on any project for such a canal ...t the whole problem in Darien been exhausted. ...y mercantile and political results of the ...ch route have been ascertained by means ...ll such surveys as are necessary.

...will include respecting parties ...e Coast Survey and Navy Department ...ll as photographers, meteorologists, and ...r scientific men. Attempts will probably be ...directed to the first lake of the Atrato river ...ear the east mouth of the Panama Railroad, ...the reasons that this is the narrowest part of ...Isthmus, and affords the greatest height of ...e, and the survey is likely to be on the val...of Atrato and Chagres. If it is ...ermined that the government is to have the ...ction put to work in four or five ...ths, and the probability is that the ...ey will be made in the end, and push from the Pa...c coast.

...ber of ore ores Cuban Junta continue to arrive. ...re now prospects that the Cuban Junta may ...e to grief before a great while. They are ...ring a large and noisy lobby here, and are ...ing money pretty freely to ...y Congress ...

It is known that Mr. Trescot and ...e of the Cabinet think we have shown sympa...ies as nearly as was consistent with inter...al law and our neutrality obligations, and ...show for success, and that the President and ...ority of them are both strong in the conviction ...t the Cubans have not yet been entitled to ...e giving them recognition. The Junta and ...r friends are angry with the administration for ...t position, and are trying to make it out to ...e or worry the lower branch of Congress into ...agonistic position. The government very ...ly does not propose to be worried, and will ...permit a violation of the law of neutrality ...n the country.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message goes to Congress to-...row. It was received at the Cabinet meeting ...is evening with friends. He came ...ressed about Cuba. He expressed ...ts with the Cabinet and others, and ...not admit that they have not done anything ...ing them to recognition---he has held ...ers of the Cabinet to the same effect ...s one or both. He has something to say ...Indian affairs; he reviews the work of the ...ious departments, and has something to say ...ut the Pacific railroads. He takes a hopeful ...w of the new policy. He takes a hopeful ...ew in regard to the finances, and ...ommends, in some measure, the views ...ntained in the report of the Secretary of ...e Treasury. He speaks of the necessity ...understood for advising that as soon as ...ances are restored, an act of general am...sty for all political crimes growing ...t of the rebellion.

SECRETARY BOUTWELL'S REPORT.

Secretary Boutwell's report, ...ished to-night with the President's message and other ...ial reports. The manuscript copy will ...t be ready for the printers until ...o-morrow morning, in the department, ...ing to the prompt understanding ...t it will not be ready for delivery ...gress in Boss entitled to the ...ion that it must be less than twenty pages ...t, but it only one-third of the ...ary report of last year. It does not deal ...h the question of the currency, ...ference to Debate and Wells. One of the chief points ...ill probably prove to be a discussion ...e question whether the government ...ld be given the Secretary to fund it with a ...w not to exceed 6 per cent, which he believes ...ld sell at a high rate of par.

VIRGINIANA.

...large number of Virginians are here, among ...m Governor Walker and ...ll elect, and the members of ...e Conservative Legislative Committee ...e Democratic Executive Committee ...ll be in session to-morrow, the ...e purpose of staying till Congress acts on ...estion of admitting Virginia to the ...n. Persons are now here as representa...the radical wing of the late Republican ...n state on the ground of fraud and intimidation ...ppose. The prospect ahead in regard to ...s is altogether favorable to any loyalty.

CONTESTED ELECTION.

...of the first and most important measures of ...ress will be the passage of a bill to ...ent persons ...ntest seats from drawing pay from the ...ry. As the law now stands, if a man ...ted at an election can hunt up charges ...ent to contest the seat, and then come here ...ntest it, he can draw pay for ...ven or ...ty days this winter, and the cost ...ment will be over $100,000.

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...ys that instead of Mr. Drexel receiving ...ntment of Judge Advocate for the Southern ...ct, the post was tendered to Judge Mc...of Georgia, and Judge W. A. Woods, now ...ge of Alabama, and the latter was chosen ...ing in favor of the latter.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

...Chase Committee have not finished their ...ll hope to by a long session to-morrow ...e have the manuscripts of it ready. The ...ll be announced, in its local important features, ...s coincidence to the form in which it ...ished two weeks since.

CIRCUIT JUDGES.

...President will send nominations for Circuit ...s, and lists of all suspensions made during ...s, to the Senate on Tuesday.

POWERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

...Senate will, on Tuesday, introduce a bill ...ine the power of the Supreme Court, and ...ill be passed at once to a second reading, ...be generally read in full. It is the result ...ent to the Senate, and ...

...t session, &c.: That no court created by an ...of Congress, or judge thereof, shall have pow...issue any writ of injunction to stay proceedings ...ourt of any State in which a suit may be pending ...ought, in whole or in part, ...ny law of the United States, or any ...ty under the constitution of the ...ted States, or the construction of the ...ny such State, upon the ground that the ...ution or law of such State in which such ...ding is constitutional or void; and ...ll be the duty of the court to proceed ...ch suit to final judgment according to ...ce and practice of the courts of the ...ted States, and the execution of such ...ent may be stayed or enjoined by the ...e court, but not otherwise.

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...ATTACK ON THE PRESIDENT.

...ttack upon the President in the Senate ...ay by Senator Conkling was entirely ...ed. Conkling's name will bring ...

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...ll be remembered that the Committee ...ce were the subject of much ridicule ...

...ATTACK ON SECRETARY FISH.

...ttack upon Secretary Fish by Senator ...ll be followed by a speech from ...

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THE COURTS.

Verdict for False Imprisonment—Commission to Condemn Park Lands.

Trespass Suits—Real Estate Cases—The Recorder's Court.

The Police Courts.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

This court was, on Saturday, still engaged in hearing the motion for a decree in the case of Wm. A. Ox, vs. Lemuel Sherman. This is an action for assessment, to recover the value of vessels, the property of plaintiffs, alleged to have been sunk, damaged or destroyed by the negligence of the defendants, in a collision at Chicago, over the Missouri Bar.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Opinion, by Drummond.—William B. Ross, of Chicago, filed by James C. Smith, Esq.

Petitions, by Drummond.—John H. Bates, of Chicago; Daniel F. Stevens, of Lemont, and Orrin G. Hanson, of Chicago; Alexander H. Bailey, of Chicago; Edward D. Smith, of Racine, Iowa; and Nathaniel P. Langford, of Hampton, Iowa, filed by Messrs. Joslyn, Stevens & Tenney, Attorneys. Petitions, by Drummond.—Benjamin Carter, of Chicago; Charles Hitchcock, of Chicago; Thomas Aickin, of Chicago; Richard Winston, of Chicago; Thomas Aickin, Receiver, and Daniel L. Boone, of Chicago; Bohemian Church of Mount.

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VERDICT RENDERED.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

THE DECEMBER TERM.

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William Chisholm vs. Thomas Chisholm.—Setting of cause for an alleged default, followed by false imprisonment. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,000. Motion by defendant for a new trial, on the ground of the excessiveness of the amount of the verdict, and that the verdict was against the evidence. Motion overruled, and judgment entered on the verdict. Appeal prayed and bond for $2,000 filed.

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ERRORS IN COURT.

THE REPAIRS FINISHED.

The improvements in the Recorder's Court-room, to the extension of securing personal safety to the occupants, have been completed, and the room, of course, the work is of a substantial, temporary character, and will be replaced by a permanent one. The room is built to be used for the trial of criminals at Chicago, over the Missouri River.

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THE POLICE COURTS.

Charge of Assault.—Peter Doorer, Marie Louise Malmrie, were charged with assaulting Mrs. Ann Doorer, wife of the complainant, on Friday night, entered the saloon No. 1 Fourth and Clive streets. After carefully strolling around the saloon, and its fixtures, Mr. Doorer, Mr. B. was a little surprised to see a woman in the saloon, and the woman in the saloon, and the woman in the saloon, and the

PRESBYTERIAN SYNODS.

...nual Meetings of Presbyterians at Farwell Hall.

...ddresses by Rev. Dr. Lord, Governor ...rson, Judge Skinner, and Others.

An Interesting Occasion.

...ported that one-half the sums of subscription ...ade for the relief of the Presbyterian Board, by ...ch congregation, have been paid in. And this ...ld. At last night's meeting, the report was read ...ing that the Board had received $1,000 from ...e Church, and they were sure the whole sum ...ld be paid in by the first of January. Rev. ...r. Lord, of the Board of Publication, made ...n appeal to the Church to contribute more ...erally to the support of the Board. Rev. Dr. ...ckinridge, of Philadelphia, said that the ...ard was not organized for the purpose of ...ising money, but for the publication of ...ks. The Assembly was opposed, after mature ...sideration, to the Board's soliciting funds. ...e